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BAN ON LIVESTOCK IMPORTS DUE TO AVIAN INFLUENZA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to impose a ban on the import of livestock and livestock products including unprocessed meat and meat products due to the threat of Avian influenza; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) and (b) Yes, Madam. The Central Government imposed a ban on the import of livestock and livestock products including unprocessed meat and meat products due to the threat of Avian influenza, on February 9, 2009 for a period of six months. A list of the products which has been prohibited is given below:

(1) The import into India from all countries, the following livestock and livestock products are prohibited:

(i) Domestic and wild birds (excluding poultry and captive birds)

(ii) Unprocessed meat and meat products from Avian species except poultry

(iii) Semen of domestic and wild birds except semen of poultry

(2) The import into India from the countries reporting Avian influenza, the following livestock and livestock products are prohibited:-

(i) Live poultry and captive birds

(ii) Day old chicks, ducks, turkey and other newly hatched avian species

(iii) Unprocessed meat and meat products from avian species

(iv) Hatching eggs

(v) Egg and egg products

(vi) Unprocessed feathers

(vii) Live pig

(viii)Pathological material and biological products from birds
(ix) Products of animal origin intended for use in feeding or for agricultural or industrial use

(x) Semen of poultry